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FM AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE

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INFO AMEMBASSY COTONOU

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C O N F I D E N T I A L LIBREVILLE 2257

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SUBJECT: BENIN SITUATION

REF: LIBREVILLE 2237 AND PREVIOUS

1. EVACUATION OF BENINESE FROM LIBREVILLE IS NOW JUST ABOUT OVER. CAMP AT LYCEE DE L'ESTUAIRE IS APPARENTLY COMPLETELY EMPTY. VICE PRIME MINISTER TOLD ME EVENING AUG 17 THAT APPROX 400 REMAINED IN LIBREVILLE AWAITING TRANSPORT. ONE TRANS INTERNATIONAL AIRWAYS (TIA) FLIGHT LEFT NIGHT OF AUG 17-18 FOR COTONOU, HOWEVER, AND TIA REP HERE TELLS US THEY HAVE REQUIREMENT TO FLY OUT 84 AUG 18 PLUS CONSIDERABLE BAGGAGE, WHICH PRESUMABLY WILL COMPLETE EVACUATION FROM LIBREVILLE.

2. STILL REMAINING ARE BENINESE IN PORT GENTIL AND LAMBARENE.

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TIA REP SAYS GABONESE WANT TO MOVE THEM NOW TO LIBREVILLE FOR ONWARD EVACUATION USING TIA AIRCRAFT, BUT SHE HAS IMPRESSION THIS WILL TAKE TIME AND ORGANIZATION WHICH DIFFICULT TO ACCOMPLISH IN MIDDLE OF FIVE-DAY HOLIDAY. WE AGREE. UNFORTUNATELY AIRFIELDS AT PORT GENTIL AND LAMBARENE UNABLE ACCOMMODATE DC-10.

3. BULK OF BENINESE STILL IN LIBREVILLE LAST WEEK WERE MOVED OUT

ON SEVEN IBERIAN AIRWAYS FLIGHTS. ACCORDING SPANISH AMBASSADOR,
THOSE FLIGHTS CARRIED APPROX 1700 PEOPLE, MOSTLY WOMEN AND CHILDREN.
TIA THUS FAR HAS
FLOWN ONLY TWO FLIGHTS, BUT WILL PRESUMABLY BE RETAINED UNTIL
EVACUATION FROM PORT GENTIL AND LAMBARENE IS COMPLETED. TIENKEN

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